

Activity #3: Print this out for the older student group leaders.

Group Discussion for Romans 6:15-23

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

Purpose:

Encourages honest conversations about influence and temptation, connects Romans 6 to modern struggles and choices & helps students understand freedom and obedience biblically

What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:

1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

Part A – Everyone Serves Something

Discuss:

- What does Paul mean when he says people are "slaves" to something?
- Can someone be controlled by sin without realizing it?
- What are some things people today live for besides God?

Romans 6:16 "You are slaves of the one whom you obey..."

Have students discuss:

- Sin's control
- Obedience
- Influence
- What rules a person's heart

Part B – Who Are You Serving?

Have them discuss slavery to sin vs freedom in Christ:

Romans 6:17-18

Discuss:

- What freedom in Christ really means
- Why sin promises freedom but brings bondage
- How obedience to God brings life

Slavery to Sin	Freedom in Christ
Leads to guilt	Leads to peace
Controlled by selfish desires	Learning obedience to God
Temporary pleasure	Eternal life
Separation from God	Relationship with God

Part C – The Outcome of Sin vs Righteousness

Ask: “What kind of life does sin ultimately produce?”

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Romans 6:21-23 “The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life...”
- Proverbs 14:12 “There is a way which seems right to a man...”
- John 10:10 “I came that they may have life...”

Discuss:

- Sin leads to destruction
- Jesus offers eternal life
- Every choice leads somewhere spiritually

Group Discussion Questions:

- Why do sinful choices sometimes seem appealing?
- How does culture encourage people to live for themselves?
- What does obedience to God look like practically?
- Why is eternal life called a “gift”?

2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)

Ask students to write or answer out loud: “What influences or controls my decisions the most?”

OR

What is one area where I need to obey God more faithfully?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask yourself honestly: Who do I most often serve—my own sinful desires or Christ? If you recognize a lack of serving Christ with your body, mind, time, or gifts, ask Him to show you where and how you can begin serving within the Body of Christ right now. Invite God to reveal any lingering sin in your life, and bring those struggles openly before Him in honest confession and prayer.

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

Key for Lesson: Every person serves something— sin leads to death, but surrendering to Christ leads to life.